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THE following Pieces are taken from the *Clef du Cabinet des Princes de l'Europe*; which is a Monthly Account of the Affairs of Europe; written by a profeſs'd Roman Catholick in the Intereſt of the Court of France.

WIthin theſe 2 Months ſeveral Pamphlets have been publiſh'd upon a Diſpute that makes a great Noiſe: It happen'd at Chaalons in Champagne, between the Biſhop and the Canons of a Pariſh in Chaalons commonly call'd *Notre Dame en Vaux*. Thoſe who deſire to be fully inſtructed in the Reaſons alledg'd on either ſide, need only read the Verbal Proceſs (or Information) of the Viſitation which the Biſhop of Chaalons made in that Pariſh the 19th of April 1707. and the Petition which the Canons, Curates, and Pariſhoners preſented the next Day to that Prelate: But it being requiſite to give ſome Account of the Grounds of this Difference, we will do it, without Partiality to either ſide.

The Canons, Curates of that Church, pretend to have been poſſeſs'd for above 400 Years, of a Relick, to which they have given the Name of the *Holy Navel*, and will have it to be a Part of the Navel of Jeſus Chriſt, which came off from our Saviour's Body at the time when that uſeleſs Remnant of a Gut falls from other Children. To juſtify their Belief they alledge a verbal Proceſs of the 8th of December 1407. taken by Charles of Poitiers, Biſhop of Chaalons, when he transferr'd that Relick from a little ſilver Casket into a more rich and magnificent Reliquary; which ſays that 3 Citizens of Chaalons, nam'd in that verbal Proceſs, being at the three Pigeons Inn at Paris in the Street des Marmouzets, met there *a certain Soldier who was a Gentleman of a good Family and Aſpect; whoſe Name was Haymald Robert, a Native of Limoges.* This Perſon told them, that being at Rome in the Service of St. Reymond of Touraine, Nephew of the Pope then reigning, he had ſeen among the Papers of that St. Reymond, *Apoſtolical Letters ſeal'd with Lead*, which imported, *That the moſt Holy Navel of the moſt high Son of God our Saviour had been divided into three Pieces, one of which was remaining in the holy Treaſury of the Roman Church, another at Conſtantinople, and the third in the Church of Notre Dame en Vaux at Chaalons.* Since that time the Inhabitants of Chaalons and all the Neighbourhood have paid much Devotion to the *Holy Navel*, and held it in high Veneration, expoſing it every Year on the Day of the Feaſt of the Circumciſion.

Meſſire Gaſton-Jean Baptiſte-Louis de Noailles, Biſhop and Count of Chaalons, making his Epiſcopal Viſitation, went the 19th of April laſt into the Church of Notre Dame en Vaux, with the uſual Attendance: And being deſirous to view the holy Relick, caus'd the Place where it was kept to be open'd in Preſence of ſome Canons of that Church, and other Clergymen, Magiſtrates and Gentlemen, who accompany'd him: Several of the Pariſhoners were likewiſe in the Church.

By the verbal Proceſs of M. de Chaalons it appears, that there was found in the Reliquary, three little Pieces of red Silk full of Holes, and that having unfolded them one after another, *he found only three little Bits, of a very hard Matter, like to little Stones, with ſome gravelly Duſt: Which was acknowledg'd and confeſs'd by the Canons and other Aſſiſtants.* His Lordſhip, that he might be better inform'd of the Quality of the Matter, contain'd in the Reliquary, ſent for Jean Chevre, a ſworn Chirurgeon and Man-Midwife of Chaalons, who after having by the Biſhop's Order taſted the Relick, declar'd, *that he found nothing in it of the Quality of the Umbilical Veſſels, which in their own Nature can not be petrify'd by Length of time: That he found in it neither Taſte nor Smell, in the leaſt like Incence, Myrrh or Aloes, and that if that Matter had come from a Navel, it would not have been ſtony.*

This Declaration confirming the Biſhop of Chaalons's Opinion that this Relick was a meer Forgery, he put it up again into the little Box of Agate, and carry'd it away, without any Oppoſition from the Canons, who nevertheleſs refus'd to ſign his verbal Proceſs.

The next Day, being the 20th of April, the Canons, Curates of Notre Dame, call'd their Pariſhoners together, who one and all reſolv'd to preſent a Petition to the Biſhop to demand of him the Reſtitution of the Relick; and in Caſe of Refuſal, to compel him to return it by all the Ways of Supplication, of Law, and of Juſtice: To this purpoſe they nominated 12 Deputies, and one Treaſurer to receive the Contributions of ſuch as would give any thing towards the Expence of the Proceſs, who, 'tis ſaid has already collected a very conſiderable Sum: 'Tis certain at leaſt that the People of Chaalons are very zealous to have their Relick reſtor'd; and that to revenge themſelves of the Chirurgeon who declar'd it could not be a Navel, they have ſurnam'd him *(Croque Relique)* Relick-ſtealer.

The Petition not producing the Effect which the Canons expected, they ſent an Information of the whole Affair to the King's Attorney General at Paris. The Biſhop of Chaalons has likewiſe written to him, to acquaint him with the Reaſons he had to take it away, and confeſſes his Surprize, to find in the Reliquary only Stones and ſandy Duſt, adding, *that all were convinc'd they had honour'd a falſe Relick*; and that in ſuppreſſing it he had no other Deſign than to eſtabliſh in his Dioceſs a pure and perfect religious Worſhip.

There has appear'd on the ſame Subject ſeveral little Pieces; among them two Anonymous Letters, dated from Chaalons the 9th and 25th of May laſt under the Title of *Letters from a Clergyman of Chaalons to one of his Friends, a Doctor of the Sorbonne*, in which the Author gives a particular Account of what happen'd in the Biſhop's Viſitation. 'Tis eaſy to judge by the Relation he gives of it, that he is no Stickler for the *Relick of the holy Navel*, whoſe Infallibility the Canons defend in their Petition: On the contrary,

trary, he ſeems perſwaded, that ſuch like Relicks, allowing them to be as true as the Biſhop of Chaalons believes this to be ſuppoſititious, and a meer Object of Superſtition, would nevertheleſs be very uſeleſs on the Altars, where Chriſtians may adore the whole Body of Jeſus Chriſt, ſeeing the Catholick Faith permits us not to doubt that he is there really preſent: Others of the ſame Opinion add, that the Saviour's Body is incomparably more adorable, and worthy to take up the whole Devotion of a Chriſtian, than a Part of the Umbilical Veſſel that was taken off as ſuperfluous from the Body of the Man-God, as having no Relation to his Divinity, and being retrenca'd from his Humanity as uſeleſs. I have juſt now receiv'd another anonymous Pamphlet intitul'd, *A Letter from an Aſſociate Prieſt of Notre Dame, by way of Anſwer to the Letter from the Clergy-man of Chaalons*, who undertakes to prove the Falſity of ſeveral Facts alledg'd by his Adverſary, and would inſinuate that the People of Chaalons will leave no Stone unturn'd to get their Relick again.

From the Clef du Cabinet des Princes for Auguſt, 1707.

THE Difference that happen'd at Chaalons in Champagne on Account of *the Relick of the holy Navel*, is not yet ended. Some new Writings Pro and Con come out daily: The laſt that appear'd were, *An Apology by Way of Anſwer to the Letter from the Aſſociate Prieſt*, of which we made Mention in our laſt; and another intitul'd, *A Memorandum ſent to an Advocate at Paris by a Pariſhioner of Notre Dame in Chaalons, in Defence of the Relick of the holy Navel*. The Author of this is as Zealous an Advocate in behalf of the Relick, as he who writ the Apology is hard of belief that 'tis truly ſo. The Minds of the Canons and Pariſhioners of Notre Dame ſtill continue ſowr'd, to ſee themſelves depriv'd of this Object of their Devotion: And they lately writ on that ſubject to the Cardinal de Noailles; and their Letter, as we find it printed at the End of the laſt mention'd Pamphlet is as follows.

My Lord,

WE were in hopes that the juſt Remonſtrances, and humble Supplications which we made to my Lord our Biſhop your Brother, would have had the Succeſs we expected: But being deceiv'd in our Hopes, permit us, my Lord, your former Flock, to have Recourſe to your Eminence, that we may obtain by your Means the Reſtitution of a precious Relick which he lately took from us. We preſume to put you in Mind, that you yourſelf had a veneration for it, that the late Dutcheſs of Nemours rever'd it, and that ſhe honour'd it with rich Preſents: All the Inhabitants of this City and of the Dioceſs conjure your Eminence to have for them now in their Miſery, that tender Compaſſion, of which you have formerly given them ſo many Proofs. If the Affliction we ly under will not move your Eminence, be at leaſt ſenſible of the Abuſes which the new Converts offer to our Religion, by openly declaring, *that the Superſtitions of the Catholicks are at length aboliſh'd, and that they will ſoon be of the ſame Opinion with them*: An Imputation which they cannot avoid, unleſs the Relick lately taken from them be reſtor'd? Suffer not then, my Lord, our Enemies to load us with Confuſion. Make this precious Object of the Devotion of our Fathers be return'd to us, and we ſhall all our Lives retain a grateful Acknowledgment of it. We have the Honour to be with the moſt profound Reſpect, my Lord, Your Eminence's moſt humble and moſt obedient Servants;

The Canons, Curate, and Pariſhioners,
of Notre Dame in Chaalons.

Weymouth, Sept. 10. Laſt Night came into Portland Road, Her Majeſty's Ship the Tartar: Which left Sir Thomas Hardy with 7 Men of War and 1 Fireſhip in the Latitude of 49, waiting for our homeward bound Lisbon Fleet.

Loſt the 4th of this Inſtant, between the Churchyard in Elbow-Lane and the lower end of College Hill next Thames-ſtreet, a Ring ſet with 7 Diamonds: The Perſon that has taken up the ſaid Ring is deſir'd to bring it to Mr. Joſ. Beachcroft Goldſmith at the 3 Kings in Cheapſide, and they ſhall have 3 Guineas Reward; or if any one can diſcover who has found the ſaid Ring, ſo that it may be had again, ſhall receive the aforeſaid Reward.

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